

Go care for him who has borne the battle, and for his widow and orphans."

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Another reason for the Isthmian Canal is the cost of coal for our naval vessels. Now it all has to be sent around by the Straits of Magellan, a journey of 15,000 miles.

CLEVELAND'S star is rising again in the Democratic firmament. A great many prominent men are beginning to believe that he is the only man who can lead the Democrats to victory in 1904.

GEN. MILES'S tour in Europe has given the people over there a chance to see an officer who has taken an active part in bigger and harder fighting than any General alive.

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YOUNG ladies who are "divinely tall and most divinely fair" should at once combine for energetic action against the Pee Wee Club of Yale University, made up of young men limited in height to less than five feet four inches.

THE CONDITION of ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, shows that the way of the transgressor is exceedingly hard, in spite of what some people may say of the success of villany.

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LET US ALL BE UNITED.

There is the most urgent necessity for all the veterans, and the wives, widows, sons and daughters of veterans, uniting in a solid phalanx in earnest advocacy of the \$12 Service Pension Bill.

The veterans are now dying at the rate of 1,000 a week. Every Sunday that rolls around sees a full regiment of those whom the bells of the previous Sabbath called to church laid away where no earthly sound can ever again reach their ears.

Now, let us stop all this at once by the passage of a straight Service Pension Bill, giving every honorably-discharged veteran who is not now pensioned \$12 a month, raising those already pensioned below that amount to that rating, and \$12 a month to all widows, now and hereafter.

This applies with special force to the advocates of the Per Diem Bill. We can secure that more easily after the passage of a Service Pension Bill than before, because it will then come in the nature of a proper adjustment of inequalities.

Above all, we should have some simple, clear, easily-understood proposition with which to go before the people. Our whole cause is in the hands of the American people, and we shall succeed if we go before them, and appeal to their unfeeling sense of justice by a bill which commends itself on its face.

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THE MAIMED SOLDIERS' BILL.

Elsewhere it will be seen that the Senate and House conferees have at last come together upon the maimed soldiers' bill, and though it gives increased ratings to a limited number of badly-wounded men, it cuts off very many thousands from the relief which was sanguinely hoped for.

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Representative Calderhead's amendment to give \$30 a month to those who were pensioned under the Act of June 29, 1890, are so totally disabled as to require the constant aid and attendance of another person, was after a persistent struggle rejected.

SENATOR Hanna seems to be an "easy thing" sometimes, and one of those times was when he introduced the bill proposing to pension ex-slaves. He was evidently hunting trouble for himself, and the woe and ill he has brought upon the ignorant blacks will probably never be fully known.

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PERSONAL. Comrade Horace G. Griffin died recently in Akron, Ohio, in his 62d year. He was born in Gauga County, and enlisted in the 41st Ohio, serving until he was discharged for disability.

Col. William Penn Clark, President of the Constitutional Convention of Iowa, and Chairman of the Iowa Republican Convention, which sent a Lincoln delegation to the convention which nominated the great President, died in Washington, Feb. 6, at the age of 86.

John A. Koites Post, Department of Pennsylvania. Past Commander Remi Boerper, 2826 Poplar St., Philadelphia, Pa., writes that John A. Koites Post, 223, Philadelphia, Pa., is the only German Post in the Department of Pennsylvania. It was organized Nov. 21, 1873, and has a present membership of 250.

Keeg, "Shorty" and the Boys of Co. Q. On the March through the Carolinas

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The Day After the Battle of Bentonville—A Drizzly Time Caring for the Wounded—Otterbein Kramer's a Feraser.

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Otterbein Kramer scraped up the last grains of coffee, to make him a cup. He hardly felt the heat of the coffee, for his stomach was so full of worry that he could not eat it.

"No, Corporal—I should say Sergeant, for I'm a Sergeant now," said Shorty, who had been long ago. "But there'll be no trouble about vacancies now. I am sure that there are vacancies enough now in every company in the army."

Hours later, the gray dawn began to break, and the mists hanging low over the sodden fields, and making still more gloomy the dark, dank depths of the woods.

The sun began struggling up over the eastern swamps and was greeted by the aerial cyclone of whistles and shells, and the roar of the cannon.

What had been human beings and their equipments, torn and mangled with every possibility of mutilation and rending by the steel of the bayonet and shell.

Here and there a feeble arm would be raised by some terribly-wounded man who had been overlooked in the search, and left to rot in the mud.

"No," he had answered the look in Si's eyes when the firing first broke out. The battle will not be renewed today. There will be a lot of squabbles for positions as the troops come up and Sherman forms his lines, but Sherman will not be ready to fight until tomorrow at least.

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in shape, carry out orders, and make places for the mangled men brought in. I pretended to be one of the helpers, who had brought an officer in, but as soon as I could get my hands on this poke of flour I slipped out, and made for the cedars, where I knew the chickens were roosting.

"I could hear the man swearing, but he had sense enough to know there was no help for it, and began dropping the chickens down to rest. After several came down, I knew we couldn't wait any longer, because I overheard a voice wondering if there weren't any chickens in the trees, and coming to go out and see."

"I know you did, Doctor. I'm very glad that you did not come any earlier, for I know it would have been at the expense of others."

"Let me see your arm, Colonel. It must be very painful." "No, Doctor; attend to the other first. Look there at that man!"

The Doctor listened a moment, and then tried to examine the Adjutant's head, but was pushed away, with the stern admonition, "not to be skylarking in business hours."

"Not an uncommon form of aberration following severe blows on the skull," the Surgeon explained to the Colonel. "The patient loses all knowledge of his present position and occupation, and his mind reverts to something which formerly engrossed him."

While he and his assistants were extracting bullets, washing and bandaging wounds, setting bones, and alleviating pain, Otterbein Kramer had prepared his chicken broth, had made a mess of a kettle of coffee from some stores that the hospital men had brought.

The boys of '61 and '65. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Like Comrade C. A. Howe, 139th Ill., I am very much interested in the articles written by Chaplain Trumbull, but I do take exception to Comrade Howe's letter published in The National Tribune of Feb. 5, in many ways, but more in particular where he says "first call in 1861."

The Peoria Battery. HALLER E. CHARLES, of Peoria, Ill., has rendered the members of the Peoria Battery a service by collecting information regarding former members of this command, and compiling such data in a circular, which has been mailed to all known survivors.

The Retort Courteous. "Why are you in mourning?" "Oh, I'm not in mourning; I'm just in mourning for the time that you had lost."



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